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SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF COCOM LIST REVIEWS

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FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS ON POINTS RAISED REFTEL:

1. PARAGRAPH II(E): INTENT THIS PARAGRAPH IS TO STATE
RIGHT OF MEMBER COUNTRIES TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR REVISIONS
OF ITEMS OUTSIDE THE LIST REVIEW. THIS IS NOW STATED IN
PARA. II OF COCOM DOC. REG (65) 2, WHICH NEW DOCUMENT IS
DESIGNED TO SUPERSEDE. WE WOULD CONSIDER ALTERNATE WORDING
AS LONG AS RIGHT OF PC'S TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS AT ANY TIME IS
RECOGNIZED.

2. PARAGRAPH III(E): WE DO NOT FEEL 5-6 MONTH PERIOD
BETWEEN ROUNDS IS EXCESSIVE. AT LEAST ONE MONTH WILL BE
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NEEDED TO RECEIVE DOCUMENT REPORTS OF DISCUSSION ON ITEMS
FROM FIRST ROUND. IN ADDITION REVISED PROPOSALS SHOULD BE
SUBMITTED ONE MONTH BEFORE OPENING OF SECOND ROUND. FURTHER
TIME WILL BE LOST EITHER THROUGH HOLIDAY PERIOD AT END OF
YEAR (IF REVIEW BEGINS IN FALL) OR THROUGH VACATION PERIOD
(FOR REVIEW BEGINNING IN SPRING). THIS WOULD LEAVE ONLY
2-3 MONTHS FOR CONSIDERATION FIRST BY TECHNICAL ADVISORY

COMMITTEES, THEN BY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS AND THEN BY WORKING GROUP I AND, WHERE NECESSARY, BY HIGHER LEVELS. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF CALENDAR DIFFICULTIES POINTED OUT REFTEL, WE WOULD CONSIDER SHORTENING OF PERIOD BY FEW WEEKS IF NECESSARY TO REACH AGREEMENT.

3. PARAGRAPH V(C): OUR PROBLEM HERE IS A BUDGETARY ONE. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO HAVE EXPERTS PRESENT IN PARIS AT TWO WIDELY SEPARATED TIMES DURING ONE ROUND. COCOM HAS RECOGNIZED FOR MANY YEARS THAT THE SCHEDULING OF ITEMS IS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED TO FACILITATE THE PRESENCE OF EXPERTS. A SIMILAR CONSTRAINT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED FOR THE RESCHEDULING OF ITEMS DURING A GIVEN ROUND. HOPEFULLY THE ANTICIPATED ELIMINATION OF LAST MINUTE PROPOSALS WILL REDUCE THE NEED FOR REPETITIVE PRESENCE OF EXPERTS.

4. A GRANT TO USDEL OF DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY WOULD REQUIRE DEFINING CONSTRAINTS. THIS MAY BE POSSIBLE LATER WHEN THE INDIVIDUAL POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED.

5. MEANWHILE WE EXPECT SUBJECT TO COME UP IN LONDON MARCH 2-3. ANY PRELIMINARY VIEWS OF OTHER DELS WHICH USDEL CAN INFORMALLY OBTAIN BEFORE THEN MIGHT BE USEFUL.

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